

Amos #1

Chapter 1

- 1) What did the writer do for a living?
- 2) Does God just use trained preachers, or does he want to use anyone who is open to it?
- 3) Israel was a split country at this time. What king was ruling in Judah?
- 4) What king was ruling in Israel?
- 5) How did Amos work his profession into his first prophetic utterance?
- 6) This phrase will be used over and over again: "For _____ ...and for _____ ..."
- 7) What was Damascus going to be punished for?
- 8) What do you think the phrase, "break the gate bar", means when referring to a city?
- 9) What was Gaza going to be punished for?
- 10) As you think about it today, what city in Israel has been a hot spot for the last few years? (hint-it's called the "_____ strip")
- 11) What other three Philistine cities are mentioned in verse 8?
- 12) What did he say would happen to the Philistines?
- 13) What was Tyre being punished for?
- 14) What was Edom being punished for?
- 15) Who is Edom's (Esau's) brother? (see Genesis 27:40 & 41)
- 16) What terrible war crime did Ammon commit?

Chapter 2

- 1) What weird thing was Moab going to be punished for?
- 2) The nations were being punished for all kinds of different war crimes. What was Judah going to be punished for?
- 3) Does God judge His people by a different standard?
- 4) Read verses 6-8. What kinds of things was the nation of Israel being judged for?
- 5) Does God care about how we treat the poor?
- 6) Does God care about sexual sin in our lives?
- 7) Was the real God of the universe, the person referred to in verse 8?
- 8) What nation destroyed by God consisted of giants?
- 9) Who brought Israel out of Egypt? 1) the Lord 2) Moses 3) Obama
- 10) Why was it a big deal that they made the Nazirites drink wine? (see Numbers 6:2-4)
- 11) What illustration did God use to describe what a burden Israel had become?
- 12) Wouldn't it be sad if God felt like we weighed Him down?
- 13) Will the swift footed soldiers get away from the judgment?
- 14) Will people get away on horseback?
- 15) In what humiliating condition, will the bravest soldiers escape?

Chapter 3:1-6

- 1) What two nations would be included in the prophecy of verse 1? (see chapter 2:4-6)
- 2) Read I Peter 4:17. Who does God judge first?
- 3) Is it an accident when two people walk together?
- 4) Will we accidentally walk with God or will it be by agreement?
- 5) Is it especially important to set aside time to walk with God?
- 6) Read verses 4-6. Are there reasons that things happen?
- 7) When countries are destroyed, is God involved in that as well?
- 8) Read II Chronicles 7:14. Would it be wise for our country to humble ourselves and seek God?

Amos #2

Chapter 3:7-15

- 1) Does God do anything without revealing it to the prophets first?
- 2) Can we count on the fact that the things that will happen to the world in the future are found somewhere in scripture?
- 3) Did you pay attention in those days if you heard a lion roaring?
- 4) Should you pay attention to the things God says in His word?
- 5) Samaria was the capital of the nation of Israel (they had broken away from Judah). Does it sound like things were going to get pretty bad in that city?
- 6) Israel had gotten so far away from God that they didn't even, "_____ how to do what is _____"!
- 7) Describe the illustration in verse 12 that showed that only a few people would escape the destruction that was coming to Samaria!
- 8) Read verse 14 and I Kings 12:26-30. All Israel was supposed to worship in Jerusalem. What happened in Bethel and was one of Israel's greatest, "transgressions", when they split away from Judah?
- 9) Was Samaria a pretty plush place?

Chapter 4

- 1) What did the prophet call the women of Samaria?
- 2) When the Lord swore to yank these women out of Samaria with, "meat hooks" and "fish hooks", what did He swear by that makes you think he was serious?
- 3) Is what is dragged out by a, "meat hook" usually alive or dead?
- 4) Is what is pulled out by a "fish hook" alive or dead?
- 5) Doesn't it sound like most people will die and a few will be pulled out alive in the end?
- 6) What is the name of the city where most of them would be taken?
- 7) Were the Samaritans religious?
- 8) Which person has cleanness of teeth? a) Someone who has no food b) One with plenty to eat
- 9) Read verses 6-11. What things, did the Lord try, to bring the people of Israel back to Him?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
 - e)
- 10) After each of these things the Lord says, "Yet, you have _____ to me!"
- 11) In verse 12, there is a very famous phrase: "Prepare to _____!"
- 12) Does it sound like God gives people the opportunity to repent and come to Him?
- 13) Read verse 13. Who is this person who had been calling them to Himself?

Chapter 5:1-20

- 1) A "dirge", is a lamentation or a funeral song or poem. Who is given a "dirge" by the prophet here?
- 2) What percentage of the population would be left after the destruction?
- 3) Here was God's instruction to those who wanted to be part of that group: "_____ Me that you may _____!"
- 4) What places were they told to stay away from?
- 5) What reason is once more given for the consuming fire in verse 6?
- 6) What reasons are given in verse 7?
- 7) What does He, once again, remind them about in verse 8?
- 8) Does God care about the cost of housing and high taxes (tribute)?
- 9) "For I know your transgressions are _____ and your _____ are great, you who distress the righteous and accept _____, and turn aside the _____ in the gate."
- 10) At what time are prudent people sometimes forced to be quiet?
- 11) What profession did they have, that we don't have in this country today?
- 12) Read verse 18. Sometimes we long for the judgment of God. Should we be real careful about wishing that God would come and dispense judgment?
- 13) When Jesus came, the Jews were looking for the Messiah to bring the day of judgment on the world. Why would that have been a dangerous thing for them?

Amos #3

Chapter 5:21-27

- 1) How did God feel about the religious festivals that the people of Israel were celebrating in Samaria?
- 2) Does God always accept our offerings to Him as long as we are sincere?
- 3) Can our singing sometimes just sound like noise to God when our heart is not right before Him?
- 4) What did God prefer to worship songs?
- 5) Look at verse 26. In Acts 7:43 this verse is quoted in Greek by Stephen: *You also took along the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the images which you made to worship them. I also will remove you beyond Babylon.* Does it sound like the people of Israel were faithful to God during their 40 years in the wilderness?
- 6) Why did God send the children of Israel into captivity (exile)?

Chapter 6

- 1) “_____ to those who are _____ in Zion, and to those who feel secure in the mountain of Samaria, the distinguished men of the foremost of nations, to whom the house of Israel comes.”
- 2) Don't we seem like the people who are at ease today?
- 3) Which countries do the capitals of Zion (Jerusalem) and Samaria belong to? (choose one)
a) Egypt and Babylon b) Judah and Israel c) USA and Canada
- 4) Read verses 4-6. Does it sound like the people of Israel and Judah were living the good life?
- 5) What was their big fault while they were partying (the last part of verse 6)?
- 6) Therefore, they will now go into exile at the head of the exiles, and the *sprawlers' banqueting* will pass away! Doesn't this seem to be a sarcastic statement?
- 7) Who did the Lord swear by in verse 8?
- 8) Why did God swear by Himself? (hint-read Hebrews 6:13)
- 9) Do verses 9 & 10 almost sound like the Holocaust against the Jews by Hitler?
- 10) Did these people respond by calling on the name of the Lord?
- 11) Do horses run on rocks?
- 12) Or does one plow them (rocks) with oxen?
- 13) Those two things don't work and neither does the statement that follows: “Yet you have turned _____ into poison, and the fruit of _____ into wormwood,”
- 14) Karnaim (horn) was apparently a city taken in battle by Israel. Did they give credit to God for that victory?
- 15) Hamath was a city all the way in the north of Israel by Syria. The Arabah was way down in the south of Israel. In light of this, what do you think verse 14 means?

Chapter 7

- 1) The Lord used what natural phenomena to illustrate the coming invasion?
- 2) Did those people have any kind of defense against a swarm of locusts?
- 3) Was anything green left behind?
- 4) Amos cried out to the Lord, "Lord GOD, please _____! How can Jacob stand, for he is small?"
- 5) What was God's response?
- 6) What did the Lord send next?
- 7) Amos once again cried out saying, "Lord GOD, _____! How can Jacob stand, for he is small?"
- 8) What was the Lord's response?
- 9) Does God hear us when we intercede for others?
- 10) Since the people kept ignoring God what did He say He would do in verse 8 & 9?
- 11) Who told the king about Amos' prophecies?
- 12) What did the people do when they heard Amos' prophecies? a) They repented b) They blamed the prophet and tried to send him away c) They believed him and prepared for war
- 13) Read verses 13-17. Did it sound like Amos wanted to be a prophet?
- 14) Did he change his prophecy because of pressure?
- 15) Will your intercession for others deliver them if they refuse to respond to God?
- 16) Do you think the prophecy in verse 17, was received well by the people of Israel.
- 17) This is the bottom line: “Moreover, _____ will certainly go from its land into _____.”

Amos #4

Chapter 8

- 1) What did the Lord show Amos in verse 1?
- 2) What happens pretty quickly to summer fruit?
- 3) The Lord said that the illustration meant, "The _____ has come for My people Israel. I will _____ them no longer."
- 4) What will happen to the songs that are sung in the palace?
- 5) What will be taken out anywhere in silence?
- 6) How did they treat the needy?
- 7) Why did they want the religious holidays to be over?
- 8) What one method they used for cheating people?
- 9) In verses 8 he likens the judgment of Israel to what two natural disasters:
a) _____ b) _____
- 10) The Lord said that the day of judgment would be bitter. What was the example he gave of a day of great bitterness?
- 11) What special kind of famine did he say was coming on the land?
- 12) What are the beautiful virgins and the young men of the land thirsting for?
- 13) What will happen to those who swear by the false gods of Samaria?

Chapter 9

- 1) The, "capitals" are the decorative pieces on top of pillars. What happens when you strike those heavy *capitals* on top of the pillars at the entrance to their temple?
- 2) Do verses one and two make it sound like there is any possibility of escape from the coming judgment?
- 3) There are extremely poisonous serpents that live deep in the ocean. What verse mentions them?
- 4) Isn't this a scary verse? "And though they go into captivity before their enemies, from there I will command the sword that it _____ them, and I will _____ against them for _____ and not for _____."
- 5) Where does God build, "His upper chambers (stories, dwelling places)"?
- 6) Where does most rain water come from?
- 7) Read verses 7 & 8. The nation of Israel was special to God. When he says, "Are you not as the sons of Ethiopia to me, O sons of Israel?", is he insulting Ethiopia, or just saying that Israel had made it so that they could not be treated special anymore because of their evil ways?
- 8) God said he would destroy Israel, but what message of hope is found in the same verse?
- 9) According to verse 10, did the people of Israel believe they were in danger?
- 10) What did God promise to do with the land after it was destroyed?
- 11) Who is promising to be the one who brings about the restoration of Israel?
- 12) Put in your own words what God promises to do in verses 13 & 14?

- 13) What kind of a harvest do you have if the plowman (planter) overtakes the reaper (harvester)?
(Choose one)
a) Nothing gets done because they are in each other's way!
b) You get no harvest because you can't plant
c) You have a continual harvest or multiple harvest
- 14) I will also _____ them on their land, and they will _____ again be rooted out from their land which I have given them," says the LORD your God.
- 15) When God finally plants Israel in their land in fulfillment of this prophecy, will they ever be up rooted again?
- 16) Do you think, that those who want to destroy Israel once and for all, will ever be successful?
- 17) Does this book show that God will eventually judge every sin and right every wrong?
- 18) Did you enjoy the book written by, "a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs (7:14)"?
- 19) Can God use you?